(c) what measures have been taken by the Government to prevent illegal occupation of the land thereby adding to the problem of unauthorised construction activities in the capital besides creating civic problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Scheme has been prepared by the Delhi Development Authority for making use of a part of land. This is under consideration of the Delhi Administration for the purpose of handing over land.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Profiteering by NCCF in import business

2427. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether JCCI and E, New Delhi in its 'Department order' dated the 24th January, 1985 on NCCF have held it guilty of indulging in profiteering like private traders in the sale of Dry Fruits imported against ad-hoc special licence during 198?;

(b) whether it is a fact that JCCI and E had held Regional Manager (West) Bombay of the NCCF responsible for the breach of licence conditions and the import control order 1955;

(c) whether heavy cold storage charges @ Rs. 2000/- per MT per month and clearing and forwarding charges @ Rs. 420 per MT were paid to certain favoured parties without inviting tenders;

(d) whether consignment of Pista and Almond were purchased from Iran parties without inviting tenders;

(e) whether these consignments were brought by Air thereby heavily pushing up the prices and causing losses to the Federation; and

(f) if so, what is the justification and what action has been taken by Government against the officers involved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per records of the National Cooperative Consumers Federation, the cold storage was not selected through tenders and the charges for the same was Rs. 2/- per month per bag of 20 kg upto December, 1982 and Rs. 2.50 per bag per month thereafter. The contract @ Rs. 400 per MT for clearing and forwarding the consignment was awarded to a firm on the basis of the quotations received in response to a press advertisement.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) National Cooperative Consumers Federation has reported that these dry fruits were imported and its landed cost went up due to its being air-lifted.

(f) A departmental enquiry against the Regional Manager (West) of NCCF has been instituted for his lapses in the deal and the officer has been placed under suspension."

Award of contract for gas-based fertilizer plants to M/s. Snamprogetti

2428. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Snamprogetti were the turnkey suppliers and consultants for four of the seven gas-based fertiliser projects in the country and in respect of the remaining three fertilizer projects no

global tenders were floated and these projects were shelved;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has refused to finance the four fertilizer projects awarded to M/s. Snamprogetti;

(c) if so, what are the considerations which weighed with Government to award the four fertilizer projects to M/s. Snamprogetti and for shelving the remaining three projects; and

(d) what are the reasons for refusal by the World Bank to finance the four fertilizer projects awarded to M/s. Snamprogetti?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (c) M/s. Snamprogetti have been awarded some portions of the contract for the establishment of three gas-based fertilizer projects at Vijaipur, Aonla and Jagdishpur and another naphtha based (with gas as alternate feedstock) fertilizer project at Kakinada. The contracts were awarded after taking into account all the relevant facts and the past experience of M/s. Snamprogetti. In respect of the remaining three projects (viz. at Sawai Madhopur, Babrala and Shahjahanpur) contracts are yet to be awarded. It is not true that these three projects have been shelved.

(b) No, Sir. In fact, World Bank is committeed to finance Vijaipur and Aonla projects to the extent of US $ 200 million and US $ 112 million, respectively.

(d) Does not arise.

Beneficiaries of IRDP in MP

2429. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families benefitted Integrated Rural Development Programme in Madhay Pradesh during 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) the families out of these beneficiaries who have been able to cross the poverty line during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) The number of families assisted under Integrated Rural Development Proramme (IRDP) in Madhya Pradesh was 2.496 lakhs and 3.636 lakhs during 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively.

(b) Crossing the poverty line is a continuous and gradual process. The Department of Rural Development has under taken a monthly concurrent evaluation of the proramme since October, 1985 throuh 29 reputed research organisations. A 12 monthly consolidated report of the concurrent evaluation for the period from october, 1985 to September, 1986 has been compiled. According to this report, 41.18 per cent of old beneiit ciaries had crossed the poverty line of Rs. 3500 in Madhya Pradesh. Applying this percentage to the total number of assisted families, the ones who may have crossed the poverty line during 1985-86 and 1986-87 has been worked out as under:

Year	Total families assisted (Nos. in lakhs)	Estimated families crossing the poverty line of Rs. 3500
1985-86 . . .	2.496	1.028
1986-87 . . .	3.636	1.497